autonomous bodies, restructuring of courses is within the competence of the appropriate bodies of each University.

Workers university in the country

798. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to establish an exclusive workers university in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Ministry of Labour and Central Trade Unions are being consulted for this purpose; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy has been constituted to study the prospects of establishing a Workers' Technical University which could help address the gap between demand and supply of technically qualified personnel.

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799. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to set up world-class national science and research foundation in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating cities in which these foundations are being set up and the total cost of setting up these foundations;

(c) whether the State Governments have offered land and other necessary facilities for setting up these foundations if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether these institutes would start functioning from the academic year 2006-07?